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B. STATE 137657 E. AC/4-D/2202(FINAL)(1)

C. NICSMA/D-28

SUMMARY: US REP OFFERED NATO AND NATO NATIONS OPPORTUNITY TO
OBTAIN DETAILED TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON FIRST LINE U.S. SECURE
VOICE EQUIPMENT WITH VIEW TO EVENTUAL PROCUREMENT AND TO INSURE
COMPATIBILITY BETWEEN SYSTEMS. THIS PROPOSAL, IF IMPLEMENTED BY
NATO, WILL INSURE CRYPTOGRAPHIC COMPATIBILITY BETWEEN NATO AND US
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS AND ENHANCE POSSIBILITY OF NATO ACHIEVING
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TOTAL SECURITY OF ITS COMMUNICATIONS AT AN EARLIER DATE. EXCEPT
FOR ITALY, COMMITTEE AGREED THAT NICSMA SHOULD PROCEED WITH PLAN-
NING FOR AN INITIAL NICS CAPABILITY USING AVAILABLE OFF-THE-
SHELF CIRCUIT SWITCHES (NODES). RESULTS OF STUDY AND NICSMA

PROPOSAL FOR PROCUREMENT OF A CIRCUIT SWITCH WILL BE PRESENTED AT NOV NJCEC PLENARY. PROCUREMENT OF OFF-THE-SHELF NODES AND IMPLEMENTATION OF OTHER NICS PROJECTS SUCH AS TARES, SATCOM PHASE III, SECURE VOICE, CIP-67 CAN ASSIST IN REALIZATION OF AN INITIAL NICS CONFIGURATION (SIMILAR TO CONFIGURATION A) BY END OF 1976 OR EARLY 1977, THEREBY ACCELERATING PROVISION OF AN URGENTLY NEEDED IMPROVEMENT IN NATO'S COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITY. COMMENTS ON EACH AGENDA ITEM (REF A) FOLLOW. END SUMMARY.

1. NATO SATCOM PROGRAM PHASE II:

A. SPACE SEGMENT. CHAIRMAN (MACBRIEN) REPORTED THAT EXCEPT FOR NETHERLANDS DELEGATION, ALL NATIONS AND MNC'S HAD AGREED TO IMMEDIATE REACTIVATION OF NATO SATCOM II SPACE SEGMENT. NETHERLANDS HAS SINCE REMOVED ITS RESERVATION PROVIDED THAT SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN CURRENT BUDGETS TO LEASE CRITICAL CIRCUITS FOR TRANSMISSION OF SECURE VOICE IN EVENT THAT NATO SATCOM FAILS PRIOR TO AVAILABILITY OF AN ALTERNATE SATELLITE CAPABILITY. COMMENT: EARLY REACTIVATION OF NATO SATCOM II WILL PROVIDE NATO WITH SECURE VOICE CAPABILITY FOR EXERCISE DEEP FURROW (SEPT-OCT), AND BETWEEN NATO NATIONAL REPS AND THEIR CAPITOLS FOR OBTAINING GUIDANCE FOR MBFR COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS AND FOR DPC/NAC MINISTERIAL PREPARATIONS. END COMMENT.

B. GROUND SEGMENT. DG NICSMA (BUCHS) INFORMED COMMITTEE THAT FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF SATCOM GROUND TERMINALS (SGT) IS SCHEDULED FOR THIS FALL. BUCHS ADDED THAT SINCE NO AMICABLE SETTLEMENT COULD BE REACHED OVER CERTAIN DISPUTED POINTS IN SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENT, NATO AND CONTRACTOR ARE INITIATING PROVISIONS IN CONTRACT WHICH SET IN MOTION ACTION FOR RESOLVING DISPUTES, INCLUDING ARBITRATION IF NECESSARY.

2. SATCOM CONTINGENCY PLANNING: CHAIRMAN, SATCOM CONTINGENCY PLANNING GROUP (SCCPG) (VAN DER WILLIGEN) NOTED THAT NEXT SENIOR LEVEL SCCPG MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 11-12 SEPT. SCCPG WILL COMPLETE DRAFT MOU ON USE OF USDSCS II SATELLITE
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(SCHEDULED TO BE LAUNCHED OCT-NOV 1973) SO THAT MOU CAN BE AGREED AT NJCEC NOV PLENARY. NICSMA MEETING ON NATO/NATIONAL MARITIME MOBILE INTEROPERABILITY REQUIREMENTS WILL BE HELD 12-13 SEPT.

3. DIGITALIZATION IN NATO COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS:

A. STATUS OF NICSMA STUDY. DEPUTY DG NICSMA (GEN LOTZ) NOTED THAT, PROVIDED NATO ACCEPTS AN INTERIM NODAL SOLUTION (SEE PARA 4B BELOW), IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY TO MAKE CHOICE BETWEEN SPACE AND TIME DIVISION SWITCH FOR A LEAST ANOTHER YEAR. LOTZ REPORTED STC HAS BEEN TASKED WITH COMPLETING STUDY ON USE OF DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR SATCOM PHASE III BY END OF SEPT. ADDITIONAL STUDY WILL CONTINUE BETWEEN NATO AND PTT'S ON USE OF DIGITAL

COMMUNICATIONS IN CIVIL NETWORKS. FINALLY, GEN. LOTZ POINTED OUT THAT FRG, HOST NATION FOR CIP-67, HAS BEEN ASKED TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITY OF INCLUDING REQUIREMENT IN SPECS FOR CAPABILITY OF TRANSMITTING DIGITAL INFORMATION OVER CIP-67 TRANSMISSION LINKS.

COMMITTEE NOTED STATEMENT BY MACBRIEN THAT WORKING GROUP COMPRISING IS, IMS, MNC AND NICSMA REPS HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO EXPEDITE PREPARATION OF COORDINATED DATA TRANSMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMAND AND CONTROL FOR PERIOD 1975-80.

B. US COMSEC PROPOSAL. US REP (DR. RECHTIN) MADE HISTORIC OFFER WHEN HE PRESENTED US PROPOSAL ON RELEASE TO NATO AND NATO NATIONS OF COMSEC INFORMATION ON "SAVILLE", A FAMILY OF SECURITY DEVICES NOW UNDER DEVELOPMENT IN US. STATEMENT PRESENTED BY DR. RECHTIN, AS IT WILL APPEAR IN RECORD, IS SUBSTANTIALLY SAME AS THAT CONTAINED IN STATE MESSAGE 137657. UK REP (SIR PETER ANSON) ENDORSED US PROPOSAL AND NOTED THAT UK WAS IN PROCESS OF DEVELOPING EQUIPMENT WHICH WOULD BE COMPATIBLE WITH THAT OF US AND WHICH COULD ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO NATO AND NATO NATIONS. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM MACBRIEN ON COST OF ANALOG VC DIGITAL EQUIPMENT, RECHTIN SAID THAT WIDEBAND DIGITAL SECURE VOICE TERMINALS WOULD COST LESS THAN A TENTH OF COST OF NATO'S NARROW BAND SECURE VOICE EQUIPMENT. HE ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH COST OF WIDEBAND DIGITAL TRANSMISSION FACILITIES WOULD BE HIGHER, EXPENSIVE NARROW BAND TERMINAL EQUIPMENT WOULD

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PROHIBIT ITS WIDE-SCALE USE. IN THIS CONNECTION, NATO OBJECTIVE IS TO PROVIDE TOTAL CRYPTOGRAPHIC SECURITY FOR ALL MEANS OF COMMUNICATION. NJCEC NOTED WITH APPRECIATION OFFER MADE BY US REP AND INVITED CHAIRMAN TO INFORM US AND UK DELEGATIONS OF COMMITTEE'S INTEREST IN PROPOSALS SO THAT INITIAL PROCESS OF INFORMATION EXCHANGE COULD BEGIN. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST TIME THAT NATO AND MEMBER COUNTRIES OF ALLIANCE HAVE BEEN MADE AWARE OF A US COMSEC PROGRAM PRIOR TO INTRODUCTION OF EQUIPMENT INTO US FORCES. IT IS OUR VIEW THAT NATO WILL ACCEPT US PROPOSAL AND THEREBY HELP INSURE INTEROPERABILITY OF US AND NATO COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS. LOTZ HAS ALREADY ASKED US TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO NICSMA. WE SUGGEST THAT MR. MORIN, ON LOAN TO USDCFO FROM NSA AND WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH DEVELOPMENT, BE PERMITTED TO DISCUSS PROGRAM WITH NICSMA. REQUEST ADVISE. END COMMENT. CONFIDENTIAL

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4. NICS:

A. UPDATING BY DG NICSMA.

(1) CIP-67: BUCHS NOTED THAT ESTIMATED COST OF CIP-67 PROJECT, EXCLUDING CIVIL WORKS IN NETHERLANDS AND GERMANY, HAD ESCALATED TO ABOUT 19M IAU (MORE THAN 60 MILLION DOLLARS). IN ATTEMPT TO STAY WITHIN BUDGET LIMITATIONS, NICSMA IS PROPOSING TO IMPLEMENT PROJECT IN TWO PHASES WITH FIRST PHASE COSTING ABOUT 11M IAU. COMMENT: AT THESE FRG PRICE ESTIMATES, US INDUSTRY SHOULD BE HIGHLY COMPETITIVE EVEN WHEN HOST NATION INCLUDES TAXES AND DUTIES FOR BID COMPARISON PURPOSES. END COMMENT. FRG REP NOTED THAT NICSMA REQUEST TO INTORDUCE DIGITAL CAPABILITY IN CIP-67 COULD LEAD TO FURTHER DELAYS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECT. GEN LOTZ REPLIED THAT PROPOSALS COULD BE MET BY A TIGHTENING OF TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS SO THAT SYSTEM WOULD PROVIDE COMPARABLE NUMBER OF CIRCUITS IN DIGITAL AS IN ANALOG OPERATION. COMMENT: REQUIREMENT FOR ACCOMMODATING DIGITAL TRANSMISSION WILL BE INCLUDED IN SPEC TUS FACILITATING TRANSITION FROM ANALOG TO DIGITAL OPERATION AND INSURING THAT CIP-67 WILL NOT BE OUTDATED BEFORE IT IS IMPLEMENTED. END COMMENT.

(2) PILOT SECURE VOICE PROJECT (PSVP): BUCHS REPORTED THAT INFRA P&P COMMITTEE HAD AUTHORIZED PROCUREMENT OF 218 SECURE VOICE EQUIPMENTS PLUS 24 FOUR-WIRE SWITCHBOARDS. MAINTENANCE PHILOSOPHY TO BE APPLIED TO SYSTEM AND LOCATION OF SOME EQUIPMENT REMAINS TO BE RESOLVED. ACCORDINGLY, FUND AUTHORIZATION FOR SPARE PARTS AND SPARE TERMINAL EQUIPMENTS IS WITHHELD FOR TIME BEING. BY MAR 74, EXISTING LEASED EQUIPMENTS WILL BE REPLACED BY NEW VERSIONS OF ELCROVOX. IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER, INSTALLATION OF SECURE VOICE EQUIPMENTS WILL BEGIN IN NEW LOCATIONS. BUCHS ADDED THAT 4-WIRE SWITCHBOARDS WILL BEGIN TO BE INSTALLED IN JUL 75 AND PSVP COMPLETED WITHIN YEAR THEREAFTER.

(3) TARES: DG EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN THAT LACK OF

AGREEMENT ON LOCATION FOR FOUR SITES WILL DELAY COMPLETION OF TARE SPECS. COMMITTEE URGED NATIONAL AND MNC AUTHORITIES CONCERNED TO EXPEDITE SOLUTION TO SITING PROBLEM IN ORDER TO PREVENT ADDITIONAL DELAYS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS URGENTLY NEEDED PROJECT.

(4) SATCOM PHASE III SPACE SEGMENT: BUCHS
REPORTED THAT FIRST NATO PHASE III SATELLITE IS SCHEDULED FOR
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LAUNCH IN AUG 75. DG NOTED THAT HE HAD AGREED TO DELETE REQUIREMENT FOR ENCRYPTION IN DOWNLINK TELEMETRY SINCE THIS TELEMETRY WAS UNCLASSIFIED. ELIMINATION OF THIS REQUIREMENT DECREASES WEIGHT OF SPACE SEGMENT BY ABOUT 9 POUNDS, AND REDUCES COST BY APPROXIMATELY \$156,000.

(5) CRYPTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT FOR NICS: NJCEC
NOTED THAT ALLIED COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY AGENCY (ACSA) WILL CONSIDER CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ON-LONE DIGITAL EQUIPMENT AS PROPOSED BY NICSMA IN NICSMA/HB(73)127.

B. IMPLEMENTATION OF NICS NODAL CONCEPT. SOME NATIONS WERE RELUCTANT TO AGREE TO PROCUREMENT OF AN OFF-THE-SHELF NODE AS PROPOSED BY NICSMA (REF C), SINCE IT WOULD MEAN THAT THEIR INDUSTRY WOULD NOT BE IN POSITION TO BID ON CONTRACT. ITALY INSISTED ON REQUIREMENT FOR PROCURING NODE WITH A DIGITAL CAPABILITY, EVEN THOUGH THIS APPROACH WOULD DELAY FIRST NICS CONFIGURATION FOR SEVERAL YEARS. COMMENT: ITALIANS ARE DEVELOPING HYBRID SWITCH FOR PTT OPERATION AND THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT USED AS NICS NODE. END COMMENT.

ALL MNC'S AND MAJORITY OF NATIONS STRONGLY SUPPORTED AN INITIAL CAPABILITY WHICH WOULD BRING ABOUT SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS IN NATO'S COMMUNICATIONS IN 1975-76 TIME FRAME. IN END, NJCEC AGREED, SUBJECT TO RESERVATION BY ITALY, THAT PROCUREMENT OF OFF-SHELF NODE WOULD BE BASED ON COMPETITIVE EVALUATION OF ALL EQUIPMENTS NOMINATED BY NATIONS IN RESPONSE TO STATEMENT OF REQUIRED CHARACTERISTICS (REF D). COMMITTEE INVITED DG TO FORM EVALUATION GROUP CONSISTING OF MNC'S, STC AND IS TO CONDUCT COMPETITIVE EVALUATION AND TO SUBMIT A DEFINITIVE RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION AT NOV NJCEC PLENARY. ITALIAN REP SAID THAT HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO HAVE ITALIAN RESERVATION LIFTED PRIOR TO 17 AUG. COMMENT: US FIRMS OFFERING OFF-SHELF EQUIPMENT CAPABLE OF MEETING CHARACTERISTICS SET OUT IN REF D MUST HAVE NAMES SUBMITTED TO NICSMA BY NO LATER THAN AUG 17. END COMMENT.

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C. RATIO OF TRANSPORTABLE TO STMATIC PHASE III GROUND
TERMINALS. COMMITTEE REQUESTED THAT NICSMA COMPLETE ANALYSIS
OF PROCURING SEMI-STATIC VS STATIC TERMINALS AND PROVIDE FIRM
RECOMMENDATION TO NJCEC AT NOV PLENARY.

D. REVIEW OF PERSONNEL PROBLEMS. BUCHS PLEADED FOR
UNDERSTANDING OF NICSMA REQUIREMENT TO HAVE CIVIL ENGINEERING
ASSISTANCE SO THAT SPECIFICATIONS FOR NICS PROJECTS COULD BE
COMPLETED WITHOUT ADDITIONAL DELAYS. NORWAY SUPPORTED BY DANISH
AND US REPS PROPOSED THAT MORE USE SHOULD BE MADE OF SERVICES
OF HOST NATIONS WITH RESPECT TO CIVIL WORKS FOR NICS PROJECTS.
DR. RECHTIN SUGGESTED THAT IN SUCH CASES NATIONS AND/OR MNC'S,
AND NOT NICSMA, SHOULD BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR ANY DELAYS,
INCREASED COSTS, OR OTHER DEFICIENCIES CAUSED BY ACTIONS FOR
WHICH NATIONS OR MNC'S ARE RESPONSIBLE. DG ASSURED COMMITTEE
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THAT NATIONS WOULD BE APPROACHED AT AN EARLY STAGE ON QUESTION
OF REQUIRED DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR CIVIL WORKS. BUCHS
WILL SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO INFRA P&P COMMITTEE FOR FINANCIAL
APPROVAL SO THAT NICSMA CAN OBTAIN NECESSARY CIVIL ENGINEERING
ASSISTANCE.

E. CONCEPT FOR OPERATION, DIRECTION AND MANAGEMENT
CONTROL OF THE NICS. MEETING BETWEEN NICSMA AND MNC'S ON
12 JUL RESULTED IN RESOLVING MANY APPARENT DIFFERENCES. SMALL
WORKING GROUP WILL MEET ON 25 JUL WITH OBJECTIVE OF PRODUCING
DETAILED DOCUMENT SETTLING OUT RESPONSIBILITIES OF NICSMA AND
MNC'S FOR O&M. IT IS EXPECTED THAT NICSMA/MNC PRINCIPALS WILL

MEET ON 8 AUG TO FIRM UP AGREEMENTS AND SET OUT DIFFERENCES
WHERE AGREEMENT IS NOT POSSIBLE. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT

MAJOR STICKING POINT WILL BE DEFINING RESPONSIBILITY FOR SYSTEM
CONTROL. SHAPE CONSIDERS THAT THEY SHOULD BE GIVEN THIS
RESPONSIBILITY. IT IS OUR VIEW THAT NICS SHOULD BE CENTRALLY
MANAGED AND CONTROLLED BY NICSMA.
HOWEVER, CONTROL OF WAY IN WHICH NICS SUPPORTS
ITS USERS MUST REST TO MAJOR DEGREE WITH USERS SUCH AS SHAPE.
SUCH CONTROL INCLUDES ESTABLISHING PRECEDENCES, RESTORAL
PRIORITIES AND ACCESS CONTROL. END COMMENT.

F. PRODUCTION SHARING ARRANGEMENTS FOR NICS. DG
REPORTED THAT NATO HAS AGREED ON PRODUCTION SHARING ARRANGEMENTS
FOR NICS (REF E). CANADIAN REP SUGGESTED THAT IT WAS NOT TOO
EARLY TO LOOK AT IMBALANCEFS IN PRODUCTION SHARING. BUCHS
REPLIED THAT ALL REQUIRED DATA WAS BEING COMPUTERIZED AND THAT
NJCEC WOULD BE INFORMED OF PRODUCTION SHARING STATUS AT NEXT
MEETING.

5. NATIONAL USE OF NATO COMMUNICATIONS: VAN DER WILLIGEN
NOTED THAT PROPOSED POLICY ON NATIONAL USE OF NATO COMMUNICA-
TIONS WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL NJCEC NOV PLENARY. DR.
RECHTIN MADE STATEMENT ON "QUID PRO QUO" EXCHANGE OF COMMUNICATIONS
CAPABILITIES OF NATO AND NATIONAL NETWORKS (AS
INCLUDED IN REF B). STATEMENT WILL BE ANNEXED TO NJCEC
DECISION SHEET.

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RESERVATION, COMMITTEE AGREED TO SUBMIT AC/270-D/73 ON NATO
COMMUNICATIONS POLICY TO NAC FOR APPROVAL.

7. OTHER BUSINESS: MACBRIEN PROPOSED TO LIMIT NJCEC
MEETINGS TO TWO PER YEAR STARTING 1974. HE POINTED OUT THAT
NJCEC CHARTER PROVIDES FOR CALLING SPECIAL MEETINGS AND OTHER
METHODS OF ACCOMPLISHING URGENT BUSINESS SO THAT PROGRESS ON
NICS WILL NOT BE DELAYED. COMMITTEE AGREED. NEXT MEETING
OF NJCEC WILL BE HELD NOV 6-7, 1973. 1974 MEETINGS ARE
SCHEDULED FOR 26-27 MAR AND 15-16 OCT.
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